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Into the Future...

Caroline Willis and Crary Chandler make their leap

Running like the wind, barefoot, and hand in hand, the 98 young people jumped over the stone wall with seemingly reckless abandon. The uninitiated might think they were running away from something frightening or threatening, but the throngs awaiting them on the other side of the wall, cameras and handkerchiefs gripped tightly, knew better. These newly minted graduates were not running from something, but rather to something: the rest of their lives. Joining their predecessors in an old Academy tradition, the Class of 2007 leaped into their future, some with tears at leaving their four years in South Byfield, others with glee at their accomplishment. These young men and women are now off to all corners of the continent and even the globe, as they pursue myriad fields of study in almost as many colleges and universities as they number.

2007 Commencement~Reunion Issue

Mike Hambelton, Jason Michaud and Brian Day jump

Excerpts from Graduation Speech by Andrew Tarsy, New England Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League:

With the idea in mind that leadership is one of the most valuable skills you can learn, let me offer you six simple points of advice based on my own experience of following my dream, and trying to find my place in the world.

Number 1

Step in the direction of your dreams. What does this really mean? It means that you may not know exactly what you want in the world or how to get there from here – but the burden is on you to close in on it by taking action. It is all right if you don't know exactly what you want to be or do – even if you thought you did, statistics say that your course in life would still be altered based on your experiences along the way.

Number 2

Talk to your grandparents – or make a friend from their generation. They know things – and most of the time they really want to share – and guess what – most people never actually ask them.

Do it for them – because they have earned the right to give you some advice – but do it for yourself, because these very special people are a bridge to the past – and only by understanding where we come from can we begin to get comfortable with who we are and where we want to go.

Number 3

Talk to each other – and I don't mean by text, IM or email. Why is this so important? Because the prejudices and narrow-mindedness that hold us back thrive when people don't talk to each other. Because the skills and instincts you will develop from looking each other in the eye and saying what you are thinking will never be replaced by a text message.

Number 4

Experience the lives of people unlike you – up close and personal.

Most of us lead lives that revolve around ourselves. Holocaust survivor and Nobel Prize Winner Eli Wiesel has said that "indifference reduces the other to an abstraction." Indeed,

Meghan Doherty, Laura Rushford, Janay Walsh, Lilly Osowski, Claudia Peng, Maura Lang, Angela Hasler, Emily Banta and Baileigh Kimball

indifference has written for this world dark chapters that hatred itself could never have dreamed.

Number 5

Hold yourself accountable. If you want to see racism disappear from the world, are you willing to interrupt small acts of prejudice and joke-telling when you see them? Even when it is uncomfortable and may cause you to lose a new friend? Your commitment will be challenged in a few short months. Someone at freshman orientation is bound to make some remark in your presence. Will you be willing to risk the fragile new friendships you are forming in your dorm to stand for what you believe in? Gandhi said we need to "be the change we wish to see in the world." If you are willing to hold yourself to the same standard you want others to meet, you will have much more to contribute, and people will listen to you carefully.

Number 6

Give yourself a break – This may sound like a contradiction to "hold yourself accountable" but it isn't. We are, after all, human. And the idea of perfection is an abstraction. Many of you have read Plato's allegory about drawing the perfect circle? The two points Plato makes are (1) there is in fact such a thing as a perfect circle; and (2) it is fundamentally beyond human capacity to draw one. Hold yourselves to your own high standards, graduates, but know that maturity means giving it your all even while knowing that perfection is always going to be beyond your reach.

Perhaps it is irresponsible to quote the lofty words of Gandhi without adding the perspective of James Taylor, who said "The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time." Joy, pleasure, passionate pursuit of silly things – these all await you and they are harder to achieve than you think. It turns out that finding pleasure in life takes commitment too – and with all the stress around us, "enjoying the passage of time" is something many people have to work to remember. I think you will find that while pursuing your greatest pleasures you will find your soulmates. And I think you will find that with even just one good friend you can do more to repair our broken world as you ever will in the career-minded pursuits that tend to dominate our lives.

To read the entire speech, go to www.thegovernorsacademy.org and click on "Campus Community" and then "Graduation Speeches"

Commencement 2007

Far Left: Jess Petrie, Angelo Scippa, Mike Weisman, Ari Blinder

Left from l. to r.: Jen Robart, Alex McLain, Jillian Mann

Left: Keara Thomas, Collette Lilly and Ana Almeyda-Cohen

Below: Peter Collins and Royce Kwon

Above: Joe Cartolano, Drew Hester

Above: Collin Cook, Ben Cutrell, Ian Henneberger

Letter from Velma Mukhongo, Kenyan exchange student

I can't imagine that tonight is my last night in the Academy. It was really awesome spending two months with you. You are such a wonderful group of people! I will really miss you and I hope that one day in the near future I will come back to visit.

If you really want to keep in touch, please send me your contacts.

PS I will reeeeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaaaaaaalllllllllllllllllyyyyyyyyyyyyyy miss you all.

THANK YOU FOR THE INTERESTING STAY!

Velma

Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2007 as they head off to the following colleges!

Mr. Doggett watches Angela Hasler and Nadine Ott

Ana Almeyda-Cohen	Colgate University
Carlos Apostle	Bard College
Megan Bailly	Rollins College
Emily Banta	Georgetown University
Allison Barnaby	University of New Hampshire
Kristen Bergman	Stonehill College
Carley Berry	Saint Anselm College
Matt Bialek	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brent Bielinski	Connecticut College
Ari Blinder	Emory University
Obenewaa Boakye	Babson College
Allan Bradley	Harvard University
Morgan Carney	Franklin & Marshall College
Joe Cartolano	Bentley College
Mike Cerretti	North Carolina State University
Katherine Chandler	Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Adam Chisholm	Bentley College
Jongwook Choi	Purdue University
Suh-Young "Sophie" Chung	George Washington University
Steve Cody	Princeton University
Peter Collins	Connecticut College
Andrea Conway	Boston College
Collin Cook	Babson College
Taylor Cook	Bates College
Cassandra Cruz	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Ben Cutrell	Gettysburg College
Brian Day	Colgate University
Colin DiGuiseppe	Parsons School of Design
Danielle Dillihunt	Pepperdine University
Dan'l Doggett	Dickinson College
Meghan Doherty	University of Southern California
Ted Durkin	Bates College
Michaela Early	Pratt Institute
Lucy Ellis	Fordham University
Alexa Erickson	University of Tampa
Travis Ferland	Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Jenna Glendye	Skidmore College
Lauren Guidi	Union College
Mike Hambelton	Saint Anselm College
Angela Hasler	Carleton College
Henry Hatch	Colorado College / Year Off
Ian Henneberger	Connecticut College
Drew Hester	California Lutheran University
Evan Jones	Skidmore College
Emily Kaplan	University of Massachusetts - Amherst
Baileigh Kimball	United States Naval Academy
Royce Kwon	University of Pennsylvania
Jack Lamson	Quinnipiac University
Maura Lang	Catholic University
Tim Langmaid	University of Delaware
Kim Leibovitz	Saint Anselm College
Dane Lemberger	Tufts University
Colette Lilly	Syracuse University
Robert Linskey	Bentley College
Jon Lyons	Roger Williams University
Greg MacLennan	Connecticut College
Alex Maker	Rollins College
Kanin "Mic" Maneepairoj	Lehigh University
Jillian Mann	St. Joseph's College
Alex McLain	Bowdoin College
Margaret Metz	University of Denver
Jason Michaud	Quinnipiac University
Kristen Miller	Providence College
Alex Moran	Gettysburg College
Caroline Murphy	Stonehill College
Charlie Nicholson	Vassar College / English Speaking Union
Mary O'Connor	Eckerd College
Joe Orloff	Brown University
Lily Osowski	Roger Williams University
Nadine Ott	Year Off
Claudia Peng	Scripps College
Ryan Perich	Boston University / Year Off
Jess Petrie	Bucknell University
Sarun Pitakteeratham	Northeastern University
Mou "Phil" Deng Riiny	University of San Diego
Jen Robart	Northeastern University
Grant Rogers	St. Lawrence University
Laura Rushford	Northeastern University
Angelo Scippa	Rhodes College
Dan Shea	University of Vermont
Vipavee "Jern" Sirivatanaaksorn	University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA)
Mongkol "Em" Siwaluk	University of Virginia
Max St. Pierre	McGill University / Year Off
Rachel Stavis	Trinity College
Hassan Sulley	Pepperdine University
Laura Sullivan	Saint Anselm College
Robert Sullivan	Ohio Wesleyan University
Keara Thomas	University of North Carolina - Charlotte
Peerati "Alice" Upatising	Syracuse University
Janay Walsh	Salve Regina University
Eric Ward	Year Off
Jacques Ward	Skidmore College
Josh Weiner	Sacred Heart University / Year Off
Michael Weisman	University of Miami
Casey Wheelwright	Northeastern University
Caroline Willis	Sewanee: The University of the South
Yeonju Woo	Boston University

MORSE FLAG – 2007

The Morse Flag was first awarded 93 years ago at the 150th Commencement of this School on June 9, 1913, and it has been awarded each year since that time to the senior whose record in all respects has met with the highest approval of the faculty. According to the Trust established by the late Rev. Glenn Tilley Morse, a long-time friend and Trustee of the Academy, a new flag is provided each year in order that the old flag, which has flown over the school during the past year, may be given to a member of the graduating class.

His curiosity, intellect and passion are evident in nearly everything he does. Fixed firmly inside this remarkable student is a relentless urge to know, to imagine and to create. He is someone who is rarely bored simply because his interests are so wide-ranging and uninhibited. Throughout his four-year career at The Governor's Academy, his teachers have used a variety of superlatives to describe his academic and artistic accomplishments. They have often praised him for his lively imagination, his sharp insight, his boundless enthusiasm, and his infectious, playful sense of humor. He has consistently found success at the very highest levels of achievement, and yet he remains entirely modest and unassuming. He has genuine character and unquestionable integrity.

If we measured him simply by his performance in our classes, he would be regarded as one of the ablest students we've had in many a year. He's taken our most demanding classes and they have barely slowed him down. He has maintained a four-year career average above the 4.0 GPA. And yet one could argue that he is not really motivated by high grades. He appreciates them, certainly, but he measures success by standards that are at odds with most people his age. He is motivated by a reverence for learning. He is always entirely willing to invest in efforts that don't offer immediate rewards. For example, despite having one of the most ambitious schedules on campus, he took the initiative this past quarter to work with one of our English teachers to study philosophy. Not for credit, but just for the joy of learning something new and challenging.

His memorable performances in five major theatrical roles in the last few years have given us all a chance to see the full range of his considerable acting skills. His enthusiasm and natural curiosity are well suited for the stage. One of his directors once commented, "To work with him is to discover the treasure he discovers in each moment. The first to arrive at drama rehearsals each day, he often generously helped other, less experienced performers, and he always took the lead when work needed to get done around the theater. He has been the motivating force behind the creation of a successful debate club this year. He took on all of the organizational responsibilities that enabled the debate team to compete with other schools, and his encouragement and support of his fellow debaters, especially the younger members of our debate team, was admirable. In addition to playing lead trumpet in both the Jazz Band and Orchestra, he began singing with the select chorus group this year as well, which meant that he was easily the busiest person on stage during concert nights. His passion on the soccer field earned him this praise from his coach: "the heart and desire you display is something all players should emulate." Oh, yes, he is also a juggler of some reputation. His seemingly effortless ability to keep a series of balls in the air certainly parallels the way in which he conducts his life.

With all of his remarkable accomplishments, the very best part about this extraordinary student continues to be his total lack of pretension. He possesses an entirely authentic and generous personality. His thoughtfulness towards others is sure and true. It is a privilege to honor a student whose passion for learning and concern for others is so exceptionally strong. The feelings we all have for this student may have been summed up by one of his teachers recently when he praised him with this simple remark: "He is all good."

With admiration and appreciation, The Governor's Academy faculty awards the 2007 Morse Flag Award to: Allan Standish Bradley of Byfield, Massachusetts.

– Headmaster Marty Doggett

Letter of Appreciation for Senior Capstone Project

To the Senior Class,

Since you are graduating on Sunday, and you may not be around when my formal letter of thanks goes out to your headmaster, I wanted to send you this informal e-mail of thanks. Not all of you were able to see the finished walkways, garden, and greenhouse project, but as a collective you did an incredible job and have impressed many of my fellow staff members.

To give you an idea of how much the staff were waiting in anticipation for the project to be finished, within 10 minutes of your bus pulling away staff asked if they could take the first individual in a wheelchair out into the garden for the first time. You have proven yourselves to be our hardest working group of volunteers to date. Through your hard work, you have represented your school very well. The boardwalk may seem like a simple project to access a simple garden, but it will open the door for a rather unique opportunity that many of our individuals have never had on the grounds of the facility, an accessible garden.

Again, I thank all of you who collaborated on the two projects at Hogan Regional Center. It has been a memorable experience.

Sincerely,
Rob Gerkin
From Hogan Regional Center

Cum Laude Elections for Class of 2007

Elected to Cum Laude in September 2006:

Allan S. Bradley
Meghan L. Doherty
Angela Hasler
Baileigh E. Kimball
Kanin Maneepairoj
Charles E. Nicholson
Laura E. Rushford
Vipavee Sirivatanaaksorn

Elected to Cum Laude in April 2007:

Emily M. Banta
Brent P. Bielinski
Steven M. Cody
Taylor A.C. Cook
Royce L. Kwon
Maura A. Lang
Dane T. Lemberger
Alexandra J. McLain
Alexandra L. Moran
Claudia Peng
Casey C. Wheelwright

Adieu, Mme. Abu!

Laurel Abusamra retired in May after 35 distinguished years of teaching at The Governor's Academy. A graduate of Hollins College, with a Master's degree from Middlebury College, Abusamra taught French and Spanish in grades 9 through 12. She was a pioneer in beginning trips abroad for language students and over the years made them an important part of the language department's offerings. She was on the faculty when girls were admitted in 1972 and served as an important role model for the new girls on campus. She has been a dorm parent, a loyal supporter of the track and cross country and community service programs, and served on innumerable school committees. According to Headmaster Marty Doggett, however, "Her first love has always been the classroom where she has for over three decades instilled a love and appreciation of the French language and culture to her students."

Excerpts from Baccalaureate Speech by Headmaster Marty Doggett:

We seem to live in a world that is filled with impending disasters and tragedies. Every day we are reminded by the specter of pandemics, the dangers of global warming, the threat of contaminants and carcinogens in our food supplies, famine and AIDS epidemics in Africa and war and terrorism around the globe. Anna Quindlen, the writer, has sagely observed in one of her columns that the current generation of students has been programmed from birth to be cautious, circumspect and discerning.

Quindlen advises that we do not succumb to the mindset of Irish playwright William Butler Yeats who, perhaps because he was Irish, had an abiding sense of tragedy which sustained him through periods of joy. Better to reverse this order and operate with an abiding sense of joy and optimism. Don't be afraid to wake up in the morning and think good things will happen. There is an abundance of goodness in the world; there are millions of good people working to improve the human condition. We can all be part of this effort. As Oscar Wilde observed, "We are all in the gutter but some of us are looking up at the stars." Be a star gazer. Be optimistic and don't be afraid to take some risks. Caution and fear are the most paralyzing of human emotions. They stop more people from trying new things and from doing good, from daring and ultimately from succeeding.

You are destined to be the movers and shakers of your communities and, for that matter, the world. That world belongs to those who see its possibilities, not its dangers or limitations. After tomorrow, your task will be to find new milestones to circumnavigate and new walls to jump.

So, go confidently into the world and pursue your dreams.

And may all your dreams come true. Godspeed.

– Headmaster Marty Doggett

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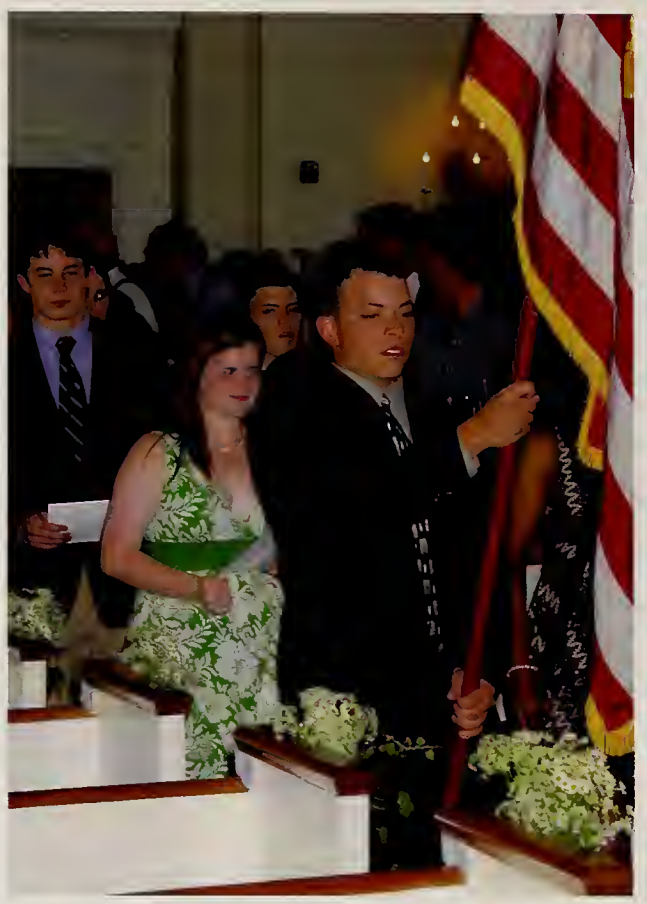
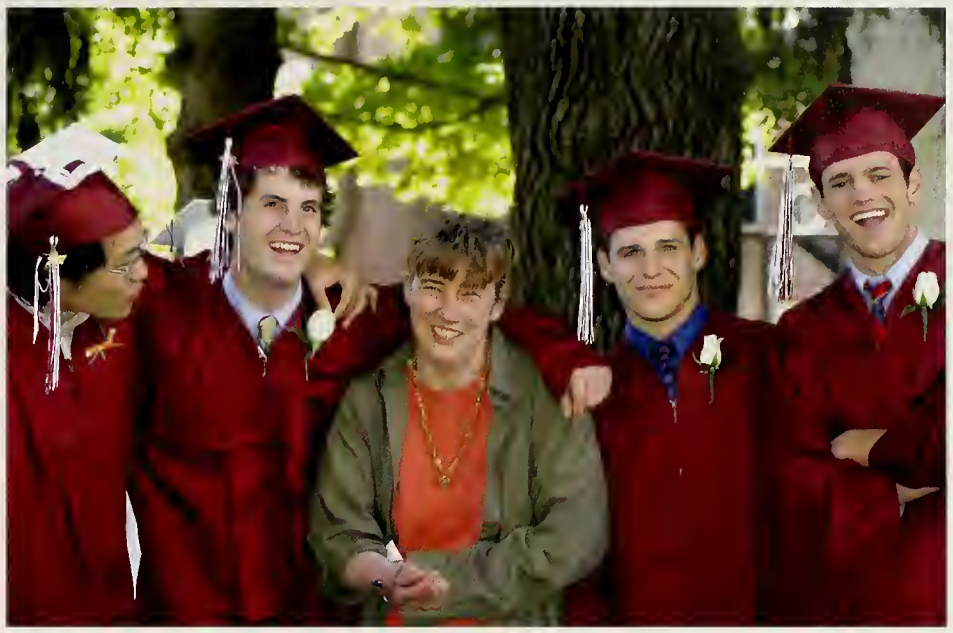


Maura Lang '07 and Angelo Scippa '07 lead the processior down the aisle in The Moseley Chapel

Pam Barnaby '00, '01, '05, '07

Proud Dad Syl Jones with daughter Evan '07

Kristen Miller, Beth Miller P'05, '07, Laura Sullivan and Lauren Guidi



Mic Maneepairoj, Greg MacLennan, Chris Robinson, Jon Lyons and Bobby Linskey

Mongkol (Em) Siwaluk '07 and Peerati Upatising '07

Danielle Dillihunt '07

Letter from Thai Scholar

To all faculty members and all students

Thank you for a wonderful time this year.
Without your support, I could not have survived well in this prep school.
I never felt lonely at TGA, even though I was so far away from my family.
I feel sad today to graduate from this school.
I wish I had spent more time with all of you.
I want to tell you that I love TGA very much.

Keep in touch with me at this e-mail; Swangwat25@hotmail.com
If anyone plans to visit Thailand, contact me.
Or you can visit me at the University of Virginia.

Take care and thank you for your kindness.
God bless all of you and your families.
Em

Teacher Belle Struck '94 and Charlie Nicholson '07

Excerpts from Baccalaureate speech by Kai Bynum, departing English teacher:

In James Baldwin's essay, "A Question of Identity," he refers to our ambiguous sense of identity as "shapelessness," and suggests that the "shapelessness is the freedom" we need to determine ourselves. In Jack Kerouac's *The Dharma Bums,* Japhy and Ray learn that they are "empowered to remind people that they are utterly free." Yet, I question whether your minds have been emancipated or enslaved by the nature of education and independent schools in particular. Is this ideal of intellectual, social, and spiritual freedom even possible? If so, how do we know when we've achieved it? Well, I don't know the answer to this question, but I do know that I hope we have all discovered something about ourselves during our time with this Academy.

Before you all leave this harbor and push off into the unpredictable sea of life, I thought I should share three things that helped me when I was your age.

Firstly, find your passion and embrace it. If you don't like something, don't get stuck in it for the rest of your life.

Secondly, challenge everything (reality, beliefs, politics, religion, and love). If they're worth having, they'll survive the attack. If not, than at least you know now and not during a midlife crisis.

The last one has probably helped me the most. When I was 17 years old, I was in Alaska struggling to understand how to make the right decisions with my life. I had several opportunities in front of me and didn't know what to do. My godfather looked at me and said, "One of the only things in life I regret are the risks that I didn't take." Seven years later I took a risk and left a dream job – the only problem is that it was no longer my dream. There was a profession out east that was calling for me, one that I knew I wanted, one that I had to find. That risk has brought me here, speaking with you as you await your journeys. What risk will you have to take in order to achieve a sense of harmony in your life? What will it take for you to find out who you are?

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Thorndike Hilton Cup "...awarded to the ranking scholar of the graduating class."

Allan Standish Bradley of Byfield, Massachusetts

The Peter Marshall French Memorial Trophy is inscribed each year with the name of a student at any level whose perseverance, sportsmanship and generous spirit on the playing field, represents the highest standards of committed participation and fair play. An inscribed scroll accompanies the trophy.

Angelo R. Scippa of Middleton, Massachusetts

The Goodwin Athletic Prize, established by Mr. Fred H. Goodwin of the Class of 1916, a Trustee of the Academy from 1916 to 1949, is given to that senior boy who, by his athletic achievement and sportsmanship, has brought the greatest honor to his school during the past year.

Steven Michael Cody of Midlothian, Virginia

The Anne Marie Murphy Athletic Award is given annually at Commencement time to that senior girl who, by her example and her achievement in athletics, has brought the greatest honor to her school during the past year.

Keara Christina Thomas of Haverhill, Massachusetts

The Thespian Award, created in 1971, is awarded for meritorious work in the field of dramatics, for inspiring participation, for providing leadership and developing theatrical knowledge and abilities.

Jenna Aliyah Glendye of Methuen, Massachusetts

The Edward J. Rybicki Prize is awarded to the individual making the greatest positive contribution to the school newspaper over the past academic year.

Maura Ann Lang of Lynn, Massachusetts

The Barriskill Prize is awarded annually to that member of the senior class who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of music at the Academy.

Kanin Maneepairoj of Bangkok, Thailand

The Mercer Art Prize is given to that senior with exceptional creativity and originality who has earned honor grades in all available Studio Art and Art History courses and demonstrated intentional efforts to achieve artistic awareness and proficiency.

Michaela Morris Early of Newburyport, Massachusetts

The Johnson Science Award is awarded annually to an outstanding science scholar in recognition of his or her achievements in the area of science.

Angela Hasler of Newbury, Massachusetts

Baileigh Kimball receives her appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis from Zach Longley.

Colin DiGuiseppe receives The Wilkie Service Award

The Cumings Prize is awarded annually to a student who has shown perseverance, hard work and good spirit in contributing to the welfare of the school.

Brent Paul Bielinski of Raleigh, North Carolina

The Gaffney Prize is awarded to that senior who, in the opinion of the faculty, has been most considerate of the rights, opinions and sensibilities of others.

Taylor Alexandra Cordrey Cook of Newbury, Massachusetts

The Sarah Ellen Avalon Award is awarded to that senior who through hard work, determination and strength of character, has worked to develop his or her potential to the fullest and in so doing, has been a true credit to The Governor's Academy.

Laura Eileen Rushford of Boxford, Massachusetts

Special Prizes are awarded to members of The Governor's Academy Senior Class whose perseverance, courage, initiative, sense of responsibility, loyalty, and concern for others have contributed to the strength of the Academy.

Jack Andrew Lamson of Amesbury, Massachusetts

Daniel Hyndman Doggett of Byfield, Massachusetts

Brian Andrew Day of Danvers, Massachusetts

Adam Young Chisholm of Poughkeepsie, New York

Lauren Elizabeth Guidi of Danvers, Massachusetts

The Wilkie Service Award is awarded to a senior whose contributions to the community outside the Academy best demonstrate the deep concern and the unfailing sympathy for others.

Colin Thomas DiGuiseppe of Beverly Farms, Massachusetts

The Alumni Association Award is given to a senior who has shown community spirit and concern within the Academy and has displayed qualities of awareness and humanity.

Allison Jane Barnaby of Hampton, New Hampshire

The Moody Kent Prizes are awarded for outstanding achievement in each department of study.

English	*Charles Edgar Nicholson of Promfret Center, Connecticut*
History	*Meghan Leigh Doherty of Andover, Massachusetts*
Mathematics	*Royce Lee Kwon of Seoul, Korea*
Science	*Baileigh Erin Kimball of Rye, New Hampshire*
Music	*Katherine Crary Chandler of North Yarmouth, Maine*
Foreign Language	*Dane Thomas Lemberger of Lynnfield, Massachusetts*
Art	*Obenewaa Boakye of Bronx, New York*

ACADEMY PRIZE

There are two prizes which are awarded by vote of the entire faculty: One is the Morse Flag; the other, The Academy Prize. Upon retirement of Headmaster Ted Eames in 1959 the underclassmen of The Academy endowed the already existing Academy Prize so that henceforth at each commencement it could be given "in honor of Edward W. and Eleanor K. Eames so that the qualities they so deeply prized might be prized in turn by future and succeeding classes." Those visiting the Phillips Building will find inscribed on the plaques outside my office door, in the entry-way of the Cobb Room, the names of all Morse Flag winners, reaching back to 1913, and the winners of this Academy Prize from 1931.

All great dancers have the ability to make their art form look effortless. They glide across the floor with an easy graceful motion. Tonight's honoree has made her journey through the Academy with that same elegance and style.

She arrived into alien turf; no subways, no street vendors, no bright lights, no life-sized murals of Derek Jeter to comfort her, yet she quickly adapted to and was embraced by this community. Early in her freshman year, she displayed considerable moxie and pluck, by speaking eloquently and with poise on stage before the entire school. She has been one of the school's highest profile personalities ever since.

She instantly connects with people. Her 100-megawatt smile, her warmth and sincerity immediately put people at ease. It is not surprising that she has been the poster girl for revisit days and admissions tours. Visiting families feel like they have known her all their lives after a forty-five minute tour. Her empathy, listening skills and personal integrity made her an ideal proctor. Her effectiveness in that role was best summarized by her dorm parent who characterized her as a "rare gem." Her election as class president came as no surprise. Her classmates respect her and admire her unflappable nature.

She has that rare ability to stay grounded and positive when the situation around her is most chaotic or discouraging.

Her teachers have been thrilled to have her in class. She brings uncommon effort and diligence to every academic setting. And did I mention enthusiasm? Whether it is Pre-Calculus, Marine Science or Comparative Religion, she is definitely the straw that stirs the drink. She asks the question that forces teachers and fellow students to think more deeply and sometimes differently about the subject at hand.

She has immersed herself in the life of the school and along the way pushed herself to try new things; the fact that field hockey sticks are a curiosity in the Bronx didn't deter her. She also took up softball. She ventured into the ceramics studio and coincidentally discovered that she had enormous talent in this medium. She has been the principal student planner for our annual Martin Luther King Day celebration for the last three years. She spearheaded the North Shore Fairy Godmother Project that collects used prom wear and distributes it to girls who do not have the means to purchase their own.

While she has been committed to her schoolwork and her many school involvements and obligations, dance remains her singular passion. Her repertoire and range is impressive. She can capture the raw energy of hip hop, the quirky improvisation of jazz and the discipline and sophistication of classical ballet. To be able to beautifully transition between these very different dance disciplines is a rare skill. Younger dances regularly seek her out for technical advice. She has emerged as an innovative choreographer as well as a talented performer. Her original creations are distinctive for their energy and raw power.

She has always said that she has been fortunate to be here. As she dances off to new triumphs, it has been us, her audience for the last four years, who have been the fortunate ones. It is with distinct pride on behalf of The Governor's Academy faculty that I award the Academy Prize to: Ana Samary Almedya-Cohen of Bronx, New York.

— Headmaster Marty Doggett

Excerpts from Baccalaureate Speech by Baileigh Kimball '07:

Our class has experienced many changes over the years. Some of us have changed from boarding student to day student or vice-versa. We have grown taller or changed our hair, but our character has remained the same. Here we are, in our final days. During our senior year, we began to think beyond our small community. College applications were sent. We continued to work hard, have fun, and work a bit harder. There were wins and losses for our sports teams, plays performed, concerts held, and moments shared. But the letters had to return. We celebrated our acceptances and comforted our rejections as a class. Each of us knew we would find the right place. We would be leaving The Academy. This is a change that was inevitable.

We have always been there for each other and that is something that will never change. Although there are many things at The Academy that will change, there are a few things that will not.

Nay and I have often joked about writing a list for incoming freshmen to serve as a guide in making their way around the school. The dining hall door sticks. You have to kick it. The door handle to Frost never completely turns. There is no line in the bookstore. It's just the usual crowd. If you want to buy something, just make your way to the counter. Watch out for Mr. Abu. He jumps on desks and growls. The back tables in the new wing of the dining hall are off limits. They are unofficially reserved for the football, hockey, lacrosse and baseball guys. Mr. Leavitt is not afraid to shut the chapel door in your face even if you already have one foot on the steps. If you lose something, send an all school email and begin with the phrase "I'm really sorry to send out one of these emails" and don't forget to include a picture. If you receive an all school email about a lost item, delete it. And don't forget to ALWAYS log off the computer. Plan to hang out in the training room or PAC and get to know Wotty, Kings, Drel and Joe. You'll be the better for it. And last but not least, Chris knows everyone, so always stop by to say hi.

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Underclass Students

The following awards and honors were given at a

HARVARD BOOK PRIZE: "...awarded to that member of the junior class deemed most worthy through high scholarship and character."

Kyung Min Song of Seoul, Korea

YALE BOOK PRIZE: "...given to a junior with a love of learning and high character."

Chelsea Paige Barnett of North Andover, Massachusetts

HOLY CROSS BOOK PRIZE: "...awarded to a junior for distinguished academic performance in a challenging program, for demonstrating a sense of concern for others and a strong sense of responsibility."

Sean T. Andrews of West Newbury, Massachusetts

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE BOOK AWARD: "...awarded to a junior who has been outstanding in the study of English."

Hunter D. Archibald of West Newbury, Massachusetts

MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS PRIZE: "...awarded to a junior who has been outstanding in the study of mathematics."

Soo Jung Shin of Seoul, Korea

EDMUND COFFIN COLMAN LANGUAGE PRIZE
"...awarded to an undergraduate who has shown proficiency in the study of languages."

Michelle Perez of Bronx, New York

COLBY COLLEGE BOOK PRIZE: "...awarded to a junior who has shown proficiency in the study of history and has displayed community spirit and evidence of personal growth."

Colin Jones Doggett of Byfield, Massachusetts

THE RENSSELAER MEDAL: "...awarded for outstanding achievement in both math and science."

Max Christopher LeSaffre of Andover, Massachusetts

Latin Students Primus

Congratulations to the Academy students who were recognized for their achievement on the National Latin Exam, a standardized test

Latin 1
So Min Lee, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal
Remington Pope, Magna Cum Laude
Aldous Strother, Cum Laude
Christopher Brown, Cum Laude

Latin 2
Kaitlyn Barnett, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal
Victoria Weisman, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal
Sungbin Lee, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal
John Diamond, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal
Cameron Poole, Magna Cum Laude
Liam White, Cum Laude

Honored

onvocation held at the end of the school year.

JUNIOR ART PRIZE: "...awarded to that junior with exceptional talent and creative expression in one or more of the visual arts."

Alison B. Hoffman of West Newbury, Massachusetts

JUNIOR MUSIC PRIZE: "...awarded to that junior with exceptional talent in one or more of the performing arts."

Kerk Joseph Klein Soursourian of Beverly, Massachusetts

CARL A. PESCOSOLIDO, JR. ATHLETIC AWARDS: "...presented, at the conclusion of their junior year, to those scholar athletes – both male and female – whose academic and athletic performance exhibit the character and commitment to excellence of Carl A. Pescosolido, Jr. '55, President of the Board 1980-92."

Meghan Elizabeth Griesbach of Methuen, Massachusetts

David Eisert Doggett of Byfield, Massachusetts

FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP: "...awarded to a student of high character who has made substantial intellectual progress and who has demonstrated a spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in the life of the school."

Cynthia Marizela Figueroa of Bronx, New York

HALE SCHOLARSHIP: "...awarded to a student who, through perseverance, has shown the most improvement in the various aspects of school life and has become an esteemed contributor to the well-being of the Governor Dummer community."

Christian Raphael Watson of Washington DC

INGHAM FUND SCHOLARSHIP: "...awarded to help support an industrious and able student at the Academy."

Gregory Drew Allis of Groveland, Massachusetts

WHITTEMORE AWARD: "...awarded to the member of the sophomore class who through attitude and perseverance has made the best contribution to the Academy." (Selection made by the class of 2006)

Madalyn Lee Durgin of Marblehead, Massachusetts

administered to over 134,000 students in all 50 states and 13 foreign countries. Our Latin scholars are:

Latin 3 – Prose
Caitlin Kelliher, Summa Cum Laude, Gold Medal
Leslie Ward, Summa Cum Laude, Gold Medal

Latin 4 – Poetry
Emily Banta, Summa Cum Laude, Gold Medal

Latin 5
Dane Lemberger, Maxima Cum Laude, Silver Medal

PETER W. BRAGDON HEADMASTER'S CUP

The Headmaster's Cup is given to that senior who, in the judgment of the Headmaster, has best served the mission of the School.

It is a time tested maxim that as the senior class goes, so goes the school. The class of 2007 has charted a positive direction for the Academy, setting a standard for underclassmen to emulate. The creation of such chemistry is a confluence of luck, circumstance, camaraderie, shared purpose and of course, leadership.

Leaders set the tone for every group. These individuals often work below the radar doing the things that rarely get public notoriety but are nevertheless critical to the effective operation of a community. It is the pro-active conversations, the brokering of disputes, intervening when friends go astray, clarifying misinformation, organizing events and generally being the receptacle for all the unpleasant tasks others would rather avoid that are all components of a leader's portfolio. Leaders sometimes have to weather criticism for things that are out of their control to manage. This young man did all these things skillfully and effectively, but it was his public persona, his infectious smile, quick wit, good spirit, optimism and basic decency that has made him such a pervasive influence and force for good on this campus. When he spoke from the heart, people listened. When he talked about the importance of making good decisions, people listened. When he spoke about representing our school with class, people listened. The true definition of leadership is not what individuals do or say while the leader is in the room but what they do after the leader has left the room. People truly did follow his lead. He modeled the importance of school spirit and pride; his daily acts of friendship and courtesy brightened people's day; his peers appreciated and respected his commitment to improving the quality of student life on campus.

Along the way, he also distinguished himself as an underground filmmaker of some note, a first class mimic, a showman with a keen sense of comedic timing, a conscientious student, a reliable friend and a pretty good left fielder; he has left his school better than he found it.

It is with respect and pride that I award the Peter Bragdon Headmaster's Cup to: Angelo Scippa of Lawrence, Massachusetts.

– Headmaster Marty Doggett

Arts Awards Recognize Excellence in All Media

The third Annual Fine Arts Excellence Awards Ceremony, on May 3, celebrated the artists in the Academy community. Outstanding freshmen, sophomores and juniors received awards for photography, ceramics, film, visual art, orchestra, jazz band, chorus, theater and dance. Congratulations to those who make the art that makes our community more beautiful, interesting, and provocative!

Freshman Dance Award: Annie Quigley
Sophomore Dance Award: Ariana Vlachos
Junior Dance Award: Vanessa Norkus
Freshman Ceramics Award: Alice Tonry.
Sophomore Ceramics Award: Eric Dunstan
Junior Ceramics Award: Anna Smith
Sophomore Media Award: Kaela Duff
Underclassman Jazz Award: Abigail Howard
Orchestra Practicing Award: Claire Shin
Freshman Orchestra Award: Milee Lyoo
Sophomore Orchestra Award: Sungbin Lee
Junior Orchestra Award: Jordyne Dodier
Freshman Chorus Awards: Jillian Cardarelli, Rigaud Legrand
Sophomore Chorus Awards: Jamie Hansen, Abby Collins
Junior Chorus Awards: Zac Burke, Leslie Ward
Director's Award: Bryce Johnson
Freshman Tech Award: Aldous Strother
Sophomore Tech Award: Jacob "Coby" Newton
Junior Tech Award: Simon Sun
Grace Ann Repczynski Award: Mint Maneepairoj
Freshman Drama Award: Shan Chatterjee
Sophomore Drama Award: Hope Fried
Junior Drama Award: Ellen Pierce
Sophomore Photography Award: Rory Hamovit
Junior Photography Award: Toshiyuki Kishida
IFA Film Award: Andrew Dagres
Sophomore Film Award: Andrew McLain
Junior Film Award: Tommy Durkin
Freshman Art Award: Ben Berton

Moulton Achievement Awards

Rey Moulton '56

Rey Moulton, a Governor Dummer graduate of the Class of 1956 and a Trustee of the Academy, endowed a series of annual awards to honor the working people who keep our school progressive and dynamic.

Rey Moulton's philanthropy has been generous and far-reaching. He underwrote the college tuitions of deserving students; he was a significant benefactor of numerous educational institutions. He supported countless civic organizations.

The Moulton Achievement awards are based on a model from Mr. Moulton's own successful business career. They represent twelve significant cash gifts that are divided among teachers, administrators and staff. The pool of candidates for this honor comes exclusively from nominations from fellow colleagues on the faculty and staff. Award winners from the previous three years are ineligible for consideration as well as current holders of teaching chairs and any faculty or staff new to or departing from the Academy. The previous year's winners serve as a selection committee who narrow the field to finalists whose names are then presented to the Headmaster. To date, 80 separate members of the School family have been so honored.

Carolyn Kimball receives her award from Headmaster Marty Doggett

~ For his enthusiastic approach to every aspect of Academy life: **Raymond Long**
~ For his skill and passion in the teaching of writing: **Steve Ogden**
~ For her ability to make the mysteries of the physical universe come alive: **Kali Wilson**
~ For organizing and shepherding our inaugural Kenyan exchange: **Perry Nelson**
~ For her ongoing stewardship of the Science Department: **Susan Olezsko Szuts**
~ For being the Ellis Island of Mathematic extra help. All are welcome at his door: **Matt Gettings**
~ For her efforts in helping to transform the Pescosolido Library into a state of the art resource for information literacy: **Jennifer Brown**
~ For all the behind the scenes work that she does to support students and colleagues: **Karen Gold**
~ For her stellar efforts as an admissions officer and a positive ambassador of the Academy: **Carolyn Kimball**
~ For her skill in keeping the Academy's accounts payable in good order: **Bonnie Boucher**
~ For her many years of loyal, dedicated service in the dining room. Her sense of humor helps us to start our day off with a smile: **Madeline Power**
~ For his easy going temperament, accommodating personality and out and out skill in managing the lunch and evening meals at the Academy: **Peter Mlynarski**

Murphy Mercer Short Story and Poetry Contest

The Murphy Mercer Short Story and Poetry Contest is named in honor of A. MacDonald Murphy and Thomas McClary Mercer, two revered Academy English teachers whose combined service to the school totaled over 65 years. Winners of this contest are selected by the Academy's English Department from anonymous entries.

This year's winners are:

Mercer Poetry Contest First Place: Evan Jones for "Sestina V"

Mercer Poetry Contest Second Place: Alison Hoffman for "Untitled"

Mercer Poetry Contest Third Place: Alison Hoffman for "Untitled"

Mercer Poetry Contest Honorable Mention: Timothy Gwynne for "Sister Christina's School"

Murphy Short Story Contest First Place: Camila Connolly for "No Trespassing"

Murphy Short Story Contest Second Place: John Diamond for "The Calling Blue Bus"

To read all the prize-winning pieces and other notable writing by students, as well as view visual artwork, please go the website at www.thegovernorsacademy.org and click on "Literary/Arts Magazine" under "About Us" or "Academics." There you will find The Spire, the school's annual celebration of creative writing and visual art.

Mercer Poetry Prize - Third Place

Ali Hoffman '08

Untitled

My grandmother sits with a glass that's half empty
And there's a picture on the wall behind her of four children
She doesn't look at it because now there are only three.

Last year for her birthday I sang her a song that she used to sing
And the next morning she didn't remember it
Because maybe she drank too much
Or maybe she just didn't want to remember.

My grandmother believes in tennis and Jesus and wine
And she said to me that she thinks that she is lucky
But once she looked at an old picture of herself and she was so beautiful
And she sat there alone with her glass and didn't know that I was watching
She didn't cry but I remember thinking that maybe she should have.

Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Gold Key - Photography
Mary O'Connor '07

Faculty Recognition Awards *Presented by Headmaster Marty Doggett*

Headmaster Marty Doggett congratulates Shawn Markey

Kelleher Family Faculty Recognition Prize

The Kelleher Family Prize is awarded to the faculty member who, in the best tradition of mastery teaching, has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to students in all areas of Academy life.

The recipient must be a faculty member who has been at the Academy for at least three years. He or she must have had substantial contact that would involve a combination of classroom teaching, advising, dormitory responsibilities, coaching or other extracurricular activities. The donors have asked that there be no repeat winners.

Members of the class of 2007 propose a slate of nominees for this award. This year's honoree appeared on more ballots than anyone else.

The phrase "Big Brother is watching you" comes from the classic George Orwell novel *1984* and refers to a society where everyone is under constant surveillance by the authorities. It has set up an interesting dynamic and culture in most schools where those responsible for automobile policies, attendance, week end and off campus permissions are viewed cynically as the adversary and are suspected, no doubt, to have been trained by agents of the KGB, CIA interrogation squads and the Israeli Mossad.

Refreshingly, such a mindset does not occur at The Governor's Academy. Is it because the Associate Dean is not vigilant? Hardly....he is much more clever than Wylie Coyote. Is it because the Associate Dean is a pushover....I don't think so. A smiling cobra he can be when saying no. Is it because the Associate Dean lacks standards? Not likely..... "Saturday Morning Live," the study hall version, tends to have a rather large audience with many regulars. I think the answer is that the Associate Dean is viewed as being fundamentally fair and reasonable. He knows and respects the student body. He knows when it is important to be flexible; he knows how to laugh at himself. Students see and appreciate his passion and love for this place and its people. Witness the enthusiasm and zest he brings to his coaching, dorm parenting and college counseling.

I am pleased to Award this year's Kelleher Prize to: Shawn Thomas Markey

Teaching Chairs

Endowed Teaching Chairs are a visible and significant means to support and honor a faculty of a great school. This evening I have the distinct pleasure announcing the rotation of two of our endowed teaching chairs. Each honoree will occupy the chair for three years. During this time he or she will receive a stipend from the income generated from the gift. The rest of the gift's annual income will be used to augment the general faculty and staff compensation pool.

The Young Master Teaching Chair was established through the generosity of senior parents of the graduating classes of 1988 and 1989 to celebrate excellence in teaching. The appellation "Young Master" is a somewhat relative term. It can denote a teacher who is in the early stages of his or her career; it can refer to an experienced teacher who has taught at the Academy for only part of his or her career, or it can indicate a teacher whose approach to education and learning is fresh, invigorating and innovative.

He has become a master teacher despite the fact that he was not initially hired to work in the classroom and his current job description suggests a very different set of obligations and duties.

He is a pioneer in advocating new instructional approaches and new pedagogies and is very much at the forefront of introducing new technologies and applications into our community. He has a coherent vision for integrating technology into the wider curriculum. He has slowly begun to bring his faculty colleagues into the 21st century in terms of technology competence. His patience, sense of humor and skill have opened the perspective of even the most confirmed Luddites. He is the man to go to if you want to learn about Blogs, Wikis, Flicker, Moodle, Smart Boards or Web2.0. His explanations and instruction are clear, thorough and always in comprehensible English.

I am pleased to award the Young Master Teaching Chair to: Aaron Mandel

The Joseph G. Cook, Jr. Faculty Enrichment Grant

To honor the memory of Joseph G. Cook, Jr. of the Class of 1953 his family, classmates, and friends have established an endowment to support our Faculty Enrichment Program. The Joseph Cook Endowment Grant is awarded each year to an eligible member of the faculty and will enable that individual to pursue a topic of professional interest during the summer.

This year, Geoff Brace, Chair of the Fine Arts Department, will travel to Russia and the Ukraine to explore Eastern Orthodox painting and iconography.

The Paul Wann Distinguished Teaching Chair

South Byfield could not have anticipated what Paul Wann would unleash upon the campus when he was hired seventeen years ago. Classes rich with scholarship, ideas and candor; daring creative theater productions; a dorm experience which is truly a family; and, yes, in the early years, remarkable thirds lacrosse teams! More importantly, he has served as the palpable soul and conscience of this community. He brings exquisite grace and equanimity to all his interactions with students and colleagues alike. A man for all seasons, he richly deserves a distinguished teaching chair named in his honor.

A number of years ago, the Old Man of the Mountain, a craggy, granite outcropping in the White Mountains and a symbol of the state of New Hampshire came crashing down due to prolonged wear and tear and exposure to the elements. Fortunately, The Governor's Academy's iconic version of the Old Man of the Mountain is impervious to the wind, rain, snow and heat. He is also resistant to split infinitives, misplaced modifiers, dangling participles and sentence fragments. He has taught a generation of Academy students the nuances of grammar and also has fostered within them a love of reading and literature. Those who enter his classroom must be prepared for plain spoken North Country wisdom, brilliant literary analysis and a biting sense of humor. A student leaves far better for the experience.

The English Department prospered under his leadership, the JV football program has achieved mythical status with him at the coaching helm, Cottage has benefited from his presence as Wotty's dependable first mate and the motorcycle fraternity is thrilled to have him as a new disciple. All in all, this is a school guy through and through.

I'm pleased to award the Wann Chair to: Richard Searles

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Golf Classic

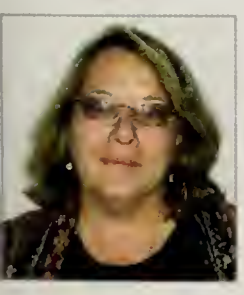
Monday, September 24, 2007

Essex County Club, Manchester, MA

Number of Golfers Limited to 128. Open to Alumni, Parents, and Friends.

For more information or to register contact Mike Moonves at 978-499-3152

Congratulations to Kathy Guy



Congratulations to Kathy Guy, Chair of the Foreign Language Department and Coordinator of the Anti-Defamation League's Peer Training Program at the Academy. Kathy recently received an ADL 2007 Teacher Recognition Award, presented at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC, during the ADL's 2007 Leadership Trip. ADL Teacher Recognition Awards honor K-12 educators for implementing a curriculum or program that fosters inter-group understanding and an appreciation for people's differences.

Guy has served as the school-based coordinator of the school's Peer Training Program for the past seven years. The citation presented by Andrew Tarsy, ADL Regional Director, New England Region and James L. Rudolph '68, P'05, said that, "in addition to ensuring opportunities for participating students to develop personal growth, Kathy has initiated ongoing outreach to the greater school community, engaging other students and faculty in examining their own prejudices and identifying what they can do to facilitate a more inclusive campus."

Reunion 2007

Members of the Class of 1937 Russell Potter, Put Flint and Bill Sheffield

Marty and Patty Doggett welcomed more than 400 alumni and guests during Reunion Weekend 2007. There were many highlights over the course of the three-day event. Alumni came from across the country and from as far away as the United Kingdom (John Wichers '57 from Scotland and Scott Maguire '82 from England). Three gentleman from the Class of 1937, Put Flint, Russell Potter, and Bill Sheffield, were recognized for being the oldest alums in attendance.

Other recognition awards went to the Class of 1967 for the highest percentage of attendees and to the Class of 1962 for the highest increase in number of contributors to the Annual Fund compared with last year. At the Annual Meeting, Alumni Council Secretary, Carrie Nissi '77 presided and, in addition to introducing the aforementioned award winners, presented Headmaster Doggett who talked about recent graduates and their contributions and accomplishments; the importance of good teachers and their impact upon their students; and the future needs of the school, particularly in the areas of endowment for compensation and for financial aid. Some very fine musical performances graced the stage of The Performing Arts Center, as Choral Director Chris Drelich gave the assembled crowd Kelsey Quigley '04, Jesse Soursourian '99, Kris Kobialka '87, and the ever-popular Meistersingers led by Tim Greene '50.

Throughout the weekend, the culinary expertise of Food Services Director David Alonzi was evident, beginning with the Governor's Feast on Friday evening in the Jacob Dining Hall, to the Champagne Luncheons for the Class of 1957 and the Old Guard on Saturday, and to the Class Dinners at various locations on campus on Saturday evening. To a person, alums of the Academy were most impressed with the efforts of Mr. Alonzi and his highly skilled team.

Other highlights of the weekend included the annual Saturday morning Pie Race and Tots Trot hosted by David and Laurel Abusamra; an Archives display under the direction of Academy Archivist, Kate Pinkham, which included a display of some original Academy documents; an exciting softball game on the Class of 1967 Turf Field; and post-Saturday dinner dancing with DJ Ray Long '96. President of the Board Jeffrey L. Gordon made a special appearance at the Saturday Cocktail Party in the Pescosolido Library. He glowingly spoke about former faculty member G. Heberton Evans whose portrait was unveiled by donor Steven French '76.

The Academy wishes to thank all those who were on campus to celebrate Reunion 2007!

--Mike Moonves, Director of Alumni Relations

Chris Adams-Wall, Janet Adams-Wall and Michael Woods '02

Members of The Class of 1957: Skip Dickerson, Tom Parker, and Ned Beebe

Pie Race participants and fans from the Classes of 1962 and 1967.

Class Notes Online Too! Bursting with news you want to share with classmates before publication of the fall Archon?

Now there's a way.

Log onto www.thegovernorsacademy.org. Then go to the Alumni page and click on "Post a Class Note." Photos can be shared also. To read the notes of others, click on "Read Class Notes."

IMPORTANT: If you want a note printed in the fall Archon, it still must be sent by email or snail mail to Sandy Keyes, Development Office, TGA, Byfield, MA 01922 or skeyes@govsacademy.org. Notes printed in The Archon will be posted online only by alumni themselves.

George Swift '67 and Mayo Morgan

Members of The Class of 1987: Lisa Taplin Murray, Lisa Carrigg and Trae Bodge Mapierala

Members of The Class of 1957

Bill Dougherty '67 and Alyson Wooldridge

John Nye '82, Tupper Nye and Mike Moonves

Josiah Welch '47, Jay Curtis '47 and Kaila Curtis

Check the ALUMNI PORTAL!

We want to make sure that your information is up-to-date on the Alumni Portal of the school's website. Please log onto www.thegovernorsacademy.org, click on "Alumni," and then "Alumni Portal" in the left-hand column.

Jeff Gordon '69 and Steve French '76 view portrait of beloved former teacher and coach, Heb Evans (1958-1985).

Elaine White and Deirdre Brown '92

Members of The Class of 2007: Taylor Cook, Danielle Dillihunt, Alex McLain and Hassan Sulley speak with alumni

Sign in with the username and password issued to you in order to check that your profile is accurate and complete.

Forget your username or password? E-mail dsuggs@govsacademy.org or call 978-499-3124.

Upcoming Events for Parents and Alumni

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Dinner for Parents of New Students
- 14 Remis Gallery Opening
- 24 Fall Golf Classic at Essex County Club
- 27 Remis Recital
- 30 Symphony by the Sea

OCTOBER

- 18 Senior Parents Dinner
- 19 Remis and Youngman Gallery Openings
- 19 Student Music Concert
- 19-20 Parents Weekend
- 25 Remis Recital
- 27 Student Recital

NOVEMBER

- 9-10 Fall Student Drama Production
- 9 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Reception and Dinner
- 10 Alumni Tailgate
- 18 Symphony by the Sea
- 21 Young Alumni Milestone Stop at the Grog

Was Love in the Air in South Byfield?

Did you meet your spouse while you were both students at the Academy? Was it in the dining hall, a classroom, or walking on campus?

What's your story? We want to hear it!

In an upcoming issue, we would like to feature stories about couples who met while both were students here and are still together, happily joined in matrimony.

Let us know who you are by emailing Judy Klein, Director of Communications, at jklein@govsacademy.org.

HATS Off!

Hats Off! Congratulations to the following staff and faculty who were honored in June for their years of service to the Academy.

35 Years of Service
Laurel Abusamra
David Abusamra

30 Years of Service
Katherine Guy
Mark Bernier

25 Years of Service
Bruce Rogers
Susan True

20 Years of Service
Madeline Power
Irina Okula
Perry Nelson
Patricia Thomas

15 Years of Service
William Quigley
David Oxton

10 Years of Service
Mary Willingham
Bonnie Boucher
Peter Kravchuk
Samantha Boulais
Susan Chase
Lisa Keegan

5 Years of Service
Elizabeth Clark
Joanna Connors
David Alonzi
Michael Delay
Judith Klein
Joseph Repczynski
Lynn Marks
Christopher Drelich

Retirement
Laurel Abusamra

Leaving
Kai Bynum
Molly Prinn
Bev Berton
Jamie Brayshaw

Class of 1967 Softball Team inaugurates the new turf field, a gift from their class.

Front from L to R: Kevin McDormand '98, Erick Laub '77, Sarah Cavanagh '77, Carrie Nissi '77, Phil Jackson '77. Back from L to R: Rick Binelli '99, Joe Nissi, Ray Long '96, Joe Fannon '01, Ed Jarvis '77 and Bob Sims '99

Eric Rich, Erin Elwell Rich '92 and Josh Lappin '92

Jesse Soursourian '99 performs at Alumni Concert

Bill McPhee '62, Peter Butler '62 and Marie Butler

Varsity Baseball

Season Record: 7-10

ISL Record: 5-10

MVP: Brian Day

Coaches Award: Jason Michaud

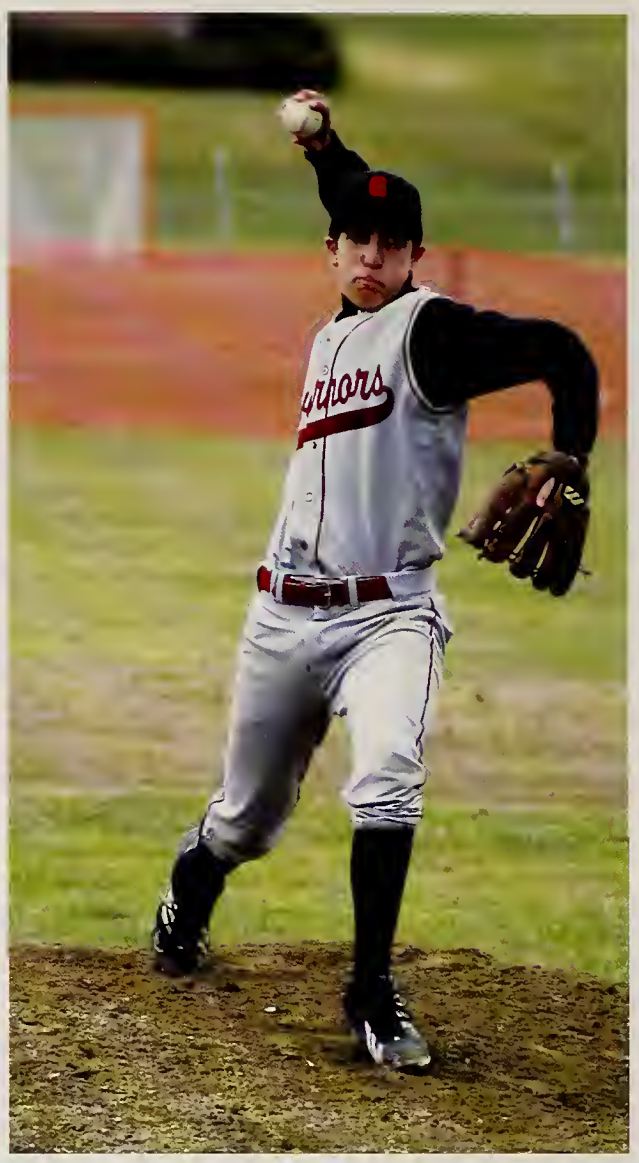
All League: Brian Day

All League Honorable Mention: Kurt Berthiaume

Four-Year Letter Award: Brian Day, Jason Michaud

Highlight: Every day with the boys was enjoyable. The best group of kids we could be around!

Coaches: Shawn Markey, Matt Gettings and Richard N. Leavitt



Perry Eaton '08

Lauren Guidi '07

Varsity Softball

Season Record: 12-4 overall

ISL Record: 7-4

MVP: Lauren Guidi

Coaches Award: Amanda Correnti

All League: Amanda Correnti, Laura Boehner

All League Honorable Mention: Paige Valchuis, Lauren Guidi

Four-Year Varsity Letter Winners: Lauren Guidi, Laura Sullivan, Maura Lang

Highlights: Beating Worcester Academy 2-0 at their place, and our 8-1 over Nobles.

Coaches: Scott Kingsbury and Erin O'Connell

Brian Durkin'08

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

Season Record: 15-2

ISL Record: 14-1 (Co-Champions with Belmont Hill)

MVP: Tim Langmaid

Coaches Award: Jacques Ward, Joe Orloff

Senior Lacrosse Trophy: Greg MacLennan

Selected for New England Senior East vs. West All Star Game: Tim Langmaid, Joe Orloff, Jacques Ward

All America: Tim Langmaid
Selected for a U-19 National team tryout: Mike Shakespeare (only 1 of 2 selected from MA)

ISL Assistant Coach of the year: Chris Rokous

Highlight: A 10-6 victory over Middlesex, a team we hadn't beaten in 15 seasons

Coaches: Peter Bidstrup, Chris Rokous, JJ Morrissey '02

Anna Smith '08

Girls Varsity Lacrosse

Season Record: 7-7-2

ISL Record: 6-6

MVP: Margaret Metz

Coaches Award: Baileigh Kimball

NEPSAC All-Stars: Margaret Metz and Mary DiNisco

All-League: Annie Clayman, Margaret Metz
All-League Honerable Mention: Mary DiNisco

First Team All American: Margaret Metz (second year in a row)

Academic All American: Alex McLain, Baileigh Kimball

Four-year Letter Awards: Margaret Metz, Carley Berry, Kim Leibovitz, Alex McLain

Highlight: The OT win over Milton was a highlight. The whole team played well. Plus, 17 saves from MaryLeah DiNisco and three goals from Margaret Metz secured the Govs' win. Another memorable moment was the team being forced to listen to a pump up mix made by the coaches before the start of their St. Mark's game. It was a random assortment of music ranging from "All Star" to "Eye of the Tiger" to team favorite "Too Legit to Quit." They went on to win the game 9-4. Margaret Metz also scored her 100th career goal against Pingree.

Coaches: Molly Prinn, Gretchen Scharfe, Bert McLain

Abigail Harris '08

Varsity Golf

Season Record: 10-5-2

ISL Record: 7-5-2

MVP: The Team

Louis Quinzio Coaches Award: Thomas Lampert

Other Awards: Courtney Dampolo - 7th place (out of 60) at the New England Girls Independent School Tournament

ISL All League: Thomas Lampert, Ryan Moores

Highlight: Strong third place finish at the ISL tournament

Coaches: Mike Moonves and Babe Ceglarski

Girls Varsity Tennis

Season Record: 3-12

ISL Record: 2-10

MVP: Anna Perocchi

Coaches Award: Lily Osowski

ISL All New England: Anna Perocchi

Four-year Letter Award: Lily Osowski

Highlight: Upset win over BB&N

Coach: David Moore

Anna Perocchi '08

James Haran '08

Boys Varsity Tennis

Season Record: 4-12

ISL Record: 4-11

MVP: Nate Collins

All ISL League: Nate Collins

Highlight: Very closely contested wins over St. Mark's and Middlesex, whom we haven't beaten in some time

Coach: Perry Nelson

Michael Orloff '09

Boys Varsity Track

Season Record: 9-4

ISL Record: 7-4

All League Honorable Mention: Ben Cutrell - discus; Mou Deng Riiny - javelin; Steven Cody - 200 and 400 meters; Ray Boghos - pole vault

Individual New England Champions: Steven Cody - 200 meters; Brandon Murray - high jump

Coaches Award: Hassan Sulley

MVP: Steven Cody

Highlight: Placing in the top three in the ISL for the first time in several years

Coaches: Tim Weir, Mary Ellen Karin, David Abusamra, Kai Bynum, Packy Fusco

Danielle Dillihunt '07

Girls Varsity Track

Season Record: 9-2

ISL Record: 6-2

All League: Keara Thomas - 1500 meters; Kelly Pope - 800 meters; Leslie Ward - shot put; Tara Karin – javelin; Abbey Karin - javelin

Individual New England Champions: Keara Thomas - 1500 and 3000 meter runs; Kelly Pope - 800 meters; Abbey Kara - javelin

Coaches Award: Kelly Pope

MVP Award: Tara Karin

Highlights: All the girls cheering for Keara at the NE meet to win the relay after winning her other two events. She ran the last leg after Carolyn Dwyer, Meghan Griesbach and Kelly Pope tried to get us as close as possible in order for Keara to pull off the upset and win. She came pretty darn close!! Second place in the race.

Coaches: Tim Weir, Mary Ellen Karin, David Abusamra, Kai Bynum, Packy Fusco

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